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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Marc D. BELCASTRO and Massoud MOBREM</u> for <u>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY MEASURING AND TRACKING A FEATURE OF MATERIAL USED DURING A MANUFACTURING PROCESS</u>.

- Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [X] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- [X] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: Philip Morris USA, Inc., New York, New York.

- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):
 - [] --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--
 - [] --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. _ entitled _ and filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--.



- [] --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference--.
- [X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

| CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| | No. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$750.00 (1001) |
| Total Claims | 17 | MINUS 20 = | 0 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | |
| Independent Claims | 5 | MINUS 3 = | 2 | × \$84.00 (1201) = | 168.00 |
| If multiple dependent c | laims are pre | sented, add \$280. | 00 (1203) | | |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | 918.00 |
| If small entity status is | claimed, sub | tract 50% of Tota | l Application | Fee | |
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| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | 918.00 |

| [] | This application is being filed without a filing fee. | Issuance of a Notice to File Missing |
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| | Parts of Application is respectfully requested. | |

- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- [X] Charge \$ 918.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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